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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 July 2002, please consider the application amended as follows:

In the Claims:

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1. (Fourthly Amended) A vehicular weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first confronting surface and a second confronting surface, the first and the second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the vehicular weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) an elongate polymeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the polymeric body including a monolithic sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces; and
 - (b) a light generating line connected to the body and extending along a longitudinal dimension of the body for generating and emitting light.
 2. (Thrice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light generating line emits light.
 3. (Twice Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric body includes a carrier portion.
 4. (Once Amended) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 3, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.